

**Town of Long Island
Year-Round Housing Committee
Minutes, March 19th 2008**

Voting members: Mark Greene (chair); John Billings; Mike Maloney; Will Tierney; Amy Tierney; Cade Brown; Lorinda Valls.

Meeting called to order, 7:08 p.m.

Present: Mark Greene; John Billings; Lorinda Valls; Will Tierney; Tammy Hohn; Alden Robinson.

John Billings moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; second by Will Tierney; minutes from previous meeting accepted unanimously.

Old business:

YRHASC: Mark Greene said he expected the YRHASC would take up the issue of family ties to the island at its meeting on 3-19-08. He expressed a hope that discussion would be limited to a set amount of time prior to a vote so that the Committee could put that difficult concept behind them without protracted differences of opinion.

Houses for Sale: Mark Greene said the East End Schoolhouse may be for sale again and that it would be worth taking a closer look and/or making an offer.

YRHC By-laws: Mark Greene suggested amending the by-laws to increase the size of the committee to eleven to make a broader voting base for the first year. The new Corporation By-Laws allow any property owner or resident to join, but there is a one year delay in voting rights as modeled after the Monhegan Corp. Committee members would automatically become voting members of the Year-Round Housing Corporation when the Committee merges with the Corporation. John Billings moved that the committee expand its membership to 11; Will Tierney seconded; the committee voted unanimously to expand to 11 members.

New Business:

YRHC Corp bylaws: Based on discussion at the previous YRHASC meeting, Mark Greene suggested amending the Corporation's by-laws to require that one trustee be a Selectman, chosen by the board of Selectmen. The Selectmen were approached about this last week and were in favor. The committee agreed to this change.

Mark Greene said this position (Selectman) would be permanent and not elected by the members of the corporation. It would be appointed by the Select Board as needed. John Billings suggested changing the by-laws to make the other trustees have two-year terms, with two of the first trustees having "staggered" one-year terms. This idea made the Selectman position fit in well. The committee agreed to this idea.

Lorinda Valls asked if the Corporation would need a nominating committee of some sort. Mark Greene said trustees would be elected from within the voting membership, so a nominating committee might not be necessary. Trustees would appoint other committees (including nominating if needed) within the corporation as needed and would not necessarily manage day-to-day operations.

Mark Greene raised the idea of having a seasonal resident elected to the board of trustees. He suggested amending the by-laws to require a seasonal resident trustee "if a qualified seasonal resident is available and willing to serve". The committee agreed to this idea.

Mark Greene also mentioned a change to article 6.7 that came up at the last YRHASC meeting: requiring that the selectmens' appointees to the YRHASC "meet the eligibility requirements for a member of the Year-Round Housing Corporation".

Mark Greene also suggested the following minor changes:

- Amend the date of the annual meeting to read the third Wednesday in July "or other date as close as practical";
- Add "election of officers" to "new business" on the agenda of the annual meeting;
- Delete "collect contributions" from responsibilities of trustees, since contributions are not required for membership.

Casco Bay Affordable Housing Conference: Mark Greene said the conference was a great success and the housing groups from Long, Peaks, and Chebeague Islands hoped to continue meeting regularly.

Town land request: Mark Greene said he and Alden Robinson had inspected lots 237 and 252 at the end of Floyd St. and they did not seem worth requesting due to poor drainage.

Mark Greene said he had spoken to CEO Jim Nagle about reconfiguring the lots on the corner of Cushing St. and Fowler Rd. Jim said reconfiguring them would not be a problem. Mark also said that reconfiguring the upcoming town lot by the church would be feasible, abutters willing, and would make it an attractive building lot.

Lorinda Valls asked about the possibility of developing lot 726 on Island Ave beyond the East End Schoolhouse. John Billings said this lot would be good because it would not require a long driveway. Mark Greene said that he had initially thought this lot was too valuable to be approved, but that it might be worth a try, especially given that the selectmen were hesitant to endorse a request for parcel 811 by Stella Libby's house.

Next meeting April 1st, 7 p.m., Learning Center.

Meeting adjourned, 9:05 p.m.